

GERMANY TO DEMAND U. S. ACTION



THE WEATHER.

Fair and continued cool tonight and Thursday; local frost tonight; moderate northerly winds.
Sun rises 4:15, sets 7:03.
Moon sets 11:45 p. m.
High tide 2:30 a. m., 3 p. m.
Temperature at 1 p. m., 61.
Minimum temperature till 1 p. m., 45 at 5 a. m.
Average temperature till 1 p. m., 51.8.

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GERMAN POLITICAL UPSET IN ENGLAND

FORM NEW BRITISH CABINET

LONDON, May 18.—Premier Asquith announced this afternoon that the cabinet is being reconstructed.

By J. L. GARVIN, Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette.

LONDON, May 19.—A political revolution has happened.

We have to reveal the main facts about the overturn as sudden and as extraordinary, as any in the whole history of parliamentary government.

A thunderbolt has fallen upon the face of politics and changed everything.

We cannot call it a bolt from the blue. The firmament overhead Downing street and Whitehall was gray and lowering enough but a meteorite out of a clear air could not have been more amazing.

The crisis at the admiralty has involved the whole ministry and opposition. Lord Fisher has resigned, and has not only made impossible Sir Churchill's retention at his present position, but has brought down the government.

NATIONAL MINISTRY INEVITABLE. The cabinet as it stood before, has practically ceased to exist. You can no more put it back than restore Humpty Dumpty. A national ministry such as we have waited for months and have foreseen to be inevitable, is about to be formed. For that purpose active negotiations are already afoot.

We believe the chief opposition leaders are already agreed upon entering the government. There are difficulties, but they must be overcome. We can have no interregnum at a time like this. We must stand together as a nation or lose the war. Before we enter into a frank discussion of men and measures in relation to this matter of supreme urgency we must try to explain how the revolution came about.

For some weeks the political position has been more serious than the general public suspected, or even some ministers realized. The drift middle was followed by a penalty that scourged all moral weakness and opportunity in war. Meanwhile there was a parallel difficulty, a state of disunion, at the admiralty. Two positive and masterful personages clashed—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty and Lord Fisher, first sea lord. They could not coexist in the same department.

DARDAVELLES THE ROCK THAT SPLIT CABINET.

The nominal question on which the split came was the Dardanelles. The thing went deeper than that. There was a fundamental incompatibility. Tension was bound to show itself and was latent from the beginning. Shrewd judges prophesied something of this kind would happen. The fault was in the nature of the situation, not in the men.

Lord Fisher is as ill-fitted as any man living to be content at such a moment as this with anything less than supremacy within the sphere of his professional functions. Unfortunately, even Lord Fisher

SEA LORD FISHER, CENTRE OF CRISIS IN GREAT BRITAIN



FORMATION OF PRESENT CABINET; PROBABLE IMPORTANT CHANGES

Cabinet. Present Cabinet. Coalition Cabinet.
Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith, Herbert Asquith (Lib.).
Lord High Chancellor, Viscount Haldane, Lord Haldane (Lib.).
President of Council, Earl Beauchamp, Marquess of Crewe (Lib.).
Lord Privy Seal, Marquess of Crewe.
First Lord of Admiralty, Winston Churchill, A. J. Balfour (Con.).
Home Secretary, Reginald McKenna, Reginald McKenna (Lib.).
Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey, Sir Edward Grey (Lib.).
Colonial Secretary, Lewis Harcourt, Austen Chamberlain (Con.).
Secretary of War, David Lloyd George, David Lloyd George (Lib.).
Secretary for India, Marquess of Crewe, Winston Churchill (Lib.).
Chancellor of Exchequer, David Lloyd George, A. Balfour-Law (Lib.).
Attorney-General, Sir John A. Simon, E. R. Smith (Lib.).

TODAY'S BATTING ORDER.

PHILADELPHIA. BRAYES. RED SOX. CLEVELAND.
Cory, 1. Moran, 1. Hooper, 1. Lelanda, 1.
Johnston, 1. Egan, 2. Wagner, 2. Vermer, 2.
Selig, 1. Connelly, 1. Speaker, 1. Chapman, 1.
Hinchman, 1. Magee, 1. Lewis, 1. Jackson, 1.
Schmidt, 1. Schmidt, 1. Harkness, 1.
Voss, 2. Smith, 2. Smith, 2.
Vercher, 2. Vercher, 2. Vercher, 2.
Schwarz, 2. Schwarz, 2. Schwarz, 2.
Adams, 2. Tyler, 2. Adams, 2.

Defeat Threatens Czar's Army

ITALY RUSHES FOR WAR; TAKES ALL RAILROADS

ROME, May 19.—War of Italy against Austria and Germany is a matter of hours, according to the latest indications today. Events are rushing toward a severance of diplomatic relations and an outbreak of hostilities. In a final effort to keep Italy from joining the allies Austria is reported to have offered to cede more territory to this country. It is understood that the long Cabinet meeting which adjourned early today was devoted to consideration of this offer. The French Embassy here has sent word by courier to Paris that diplomatic relations between Italy and Austro-German allies will be severed tomorrow.

When the Italian Parliament meets tomorrow Premier Salandra will present the "green book," giving the case of the diplomatic rupture and Prince von Bellow and Baron von Macchio will immediately leave, German, Austrian and Turkish subjects are already leaving Italy.

It is believed that Roumania will enter the war after Italy and will strike at Austria through Transylvania.

Communication with Trieste, the principal seaport of Austria, was cut off today. It is reported the baggage of the German and Austrian diplomats has been taken across the frontier without examination and that members of the Austro-German staffs have already received their passports.

KING SEIZES RAILROAD.

A royal decree under which all railroad lines and stations in Italy are placed under supervision of the military authorities is published by the Official Gazette.

Under the provisions of the decree military officials are given the power to prohibit

RUSSIAN ARMY FACES ATTACK IN PETROGRAD

By FRANCIS LAVELLE MURRAY, Special Correspondent International News Service.

PETROGRAD, May 19.—Emperor Nicholas has gone to the front. His departure was followed by reports that important changes are to be made in the personnel of the Russian commanders. It is understood that the Czar is highly displeased with the result of the campaign in Galicia and in the Carpathians, where the Russians have lost a great part of the ground gained.

Minister of War Sukhomlinov was summoned to conference with the Czar before he left. General Dudenov, the Bulgarian warlord who came a hero in Petrograd because of the early success in Galicia is said to be about to be removed.

The latest official reports are received with the utmost pessimism by the Petrograd military circles. Some go so far as to say that the Russian offensive has crumbled and that desperate efforts will be necessary to prevent complete disaster to the Russian army.

The fact that these critics are permitted to speak so frankly is regarded as significant of a great upheaval among the commanding officers. Some of the Russian military even regard the Czar's departure as a sign of the Russian army.

Przemysl, which the Russians took from the Austrians at costly expense, is now in the hands of the enemy. Only to the northwest have the Russians succeeded in maintaining their line of communication. The railroad between the front captured by the Germans, who have brought on their heavy artillery against the Russian fort.

South of the Vistula, the situation is even more serious. The German forces are reported to be pushing their way south of Varsaw. Russian in this vicinity under the Russian positions at both Varsaw and Warsaw.

SMASH RUSSIAN 200 MILE FRONT AT THE SAN RIVER

By FREDERICK WEINER, Special Correspondent of the International News Service.

PETROGRAD, May 19.—The arrival of Emperor William's presence inspired the German troops who, forced the passage of the San River in Galicia on Saturday, according to official messages received here today, from German headquarters. They stated that the Emperor personally congratulated General Von Mackensen for his great victory in Galicia and conferred high honors upon the German commander and many of his officers.

The military experts assert that the Russian army which has been pushed miles farther higher in Galicia, than that of the Russian army. They express confidence that Przemysl will soon be recaptured and that from there the Austro-German forces will pass on to Lemberg.

KAISER'S REPLY WILL ASK U. S. TO MAKE DEMANDS ON ENGLAND

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), May 19.—Forecasting the reply to be made to the American note, the semi-official Vossische Zeitung stated today that Germany will make three important counter demands on the United States as follows:

- 1.—That it shall insist upon British merchant vessels abandoning the use of false flags.
- 2.—That it shall insist upon England's ceasing to arm merchant vessels.
- 3.—That it shall insist upon England refraining from carrying contraband of war upon vessels which have American passengers on board.

"If America does these things," the Vossische Zeitung adds, "America will find Germany on her side in the endeavor to lead submarine warfare into humane channels. If America fails to influence Great Britain America will have to put up with submarine warfare."

The Cologne Gazette says that the American note cannot be expected to sway the German government a hair's breadth from the plans formed after ripe consideration, while the Berlin Tagblatt says that the submarine campaign will be continued as a matter of course.

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The Drummer was torpedoed Tuesday, when it was on its way to England. Her crew was picked up by a British ship. The ship was damaged and the crew was killed. The ship was carrying a large amount of cargo, including a large quantity of food and clothing for the British army.

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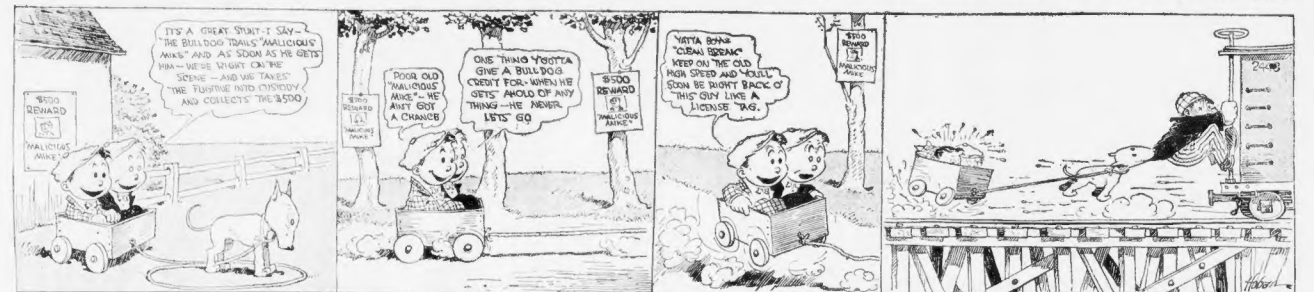
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Have the Kids Got Mike or Has Mike Got the Kids?



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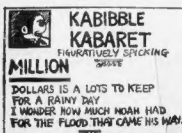
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PIRATES AND BRAVES IN
FINAL BATTLE AT FENWAY
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I'M TOO WEAK TO GO IN NOW!

WAPLES

BRVES-PIRATES IN FINAL BATTLE

D. A. M. C. MITCHELL

By **W. C. McFARLANE**
Lafayette, La. — The Pirates at Pittsburgh this afternoon, Scene: The Pirates.
The Braves are a better team than the Pirates and they ought to walk off with them in the wind-up. At that the team from Pittsburgh shows about as much as the fingers of its hand in a year. As Clark, the manager, says he has a good chance to win the pennant, he must be a little better than the Braves to do it.
Let a team win half a dozen games and its members thereof could have visions of world's championships. Better not to wake them. Let them sleep.
In the meantime these games must be played every day that weather permits, the managers of the teams must have, do the training of the players and the calculations on their chances. They are all likely to see George Tyler, Braves, make a record of 400 hits. The Pirates may take a little consolation in the fact that the right-hander would prefer to see a right-hander work against his team.

Stallings is not feeling very well. He says he stayed in bed all day Sunday and wished he could have spent Monday between the sheets. He also remarked this morning that he hadn't yet recovered from the ninth-inning defeats administered to his team on Friday and Saturday. Those kind of walloping stay, with managers like Stallings for some time usually.

"We've got to win four ball games to catch up with those 14 defeats,"

beaten Friday and Saturday after we had the games won, we would be pretty close to first place right now. "And be under the strain of main-

maintaining first position," observed a friend.

Clabby and Chip Draw Suspension in N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Jimmy Clabby of Hammond, Ind., and George Chip of New Castle, Penn., middleweight boxers, were suspended by the New York State Athletic Commission for thirty days on the charge that they had not given their best efforts while engaged in a scheduled ten-round bout which was stopped by Referee Billy Wolfe in the eighth round at St. Nicholas rink here last Wednesday night. Roche called the bout "non-

refused to pay over the money contracted for by the pugilists until the commission directed that the money be paid and the men prohibited from

boxing in New York State for one month.

White and Yelle in Atlas Bout

bout, which will be held at the Arena next Tuesday night. Yelle has not boxed in Boston since he gave Freddy Welsh such a great battle last November.

School Games Today

Medford at Melrose (Schubert).
 Reading at Stoneham (Mystic Valley).
 Wrentham at Wareham (South Shore).
 Latin vs. Nonpareil Arts at Bangor.
 Brookline at Everett.
 Somerville vs. Lawrence Academy at Groton.
 Vulkammer at Milton Academy.
 Roxbury vs. Milton at South Shore.
 Worcester C. vs. St. Mark's at Southboro.
 Groton at Middlesex.
 Morris Heights vs. Harvard 24 at Cambridge.
 Yale 24 at Worcester Academy.
 Tufts 24 at Cambridge Academy.
 Harvard 18 at Andover.

Holy Cross '18 at Exeter,
Wellesley at Newton,
Reading at Watertown,
Winchester at Woburn,
Weymouth at Quincy,
Revere at Watertown.

Lynn Classical at Waltham.
St. John's Prep at Lowell Textile.
Salem vs. R. C. High at South End grounds.

Essex, Angles at Danvers,
 Beverly at Lawrence,
 Gloucester at Framingham,
 Hingham at Boston, Plymouth,
 Weymouth at Foxboro,
 Needham at Milton,
 Weymouth at Hingham,
 Weymouth at Nahant,
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By HOBAN

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HARVARD CREW MAY GO TO COAST

O'Day May Join Federals.
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War intermissions.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Canadian soldiers in France who want to spend the intermissions between battles in playing baseball will be supplied by American leaders of the game with the paraphernalia which they cannot obtain readily abroad, it was learned today.

The soldiers complained to friends and relatives in Canada that baseballs, bats and gloves were scarce in France, and President H. B. Johnson of the American League and others were approached to contribute several boxes of new baseballs.

WILEY OUT TO WIN BACK BIKE TITLE

It is the opinion of close followers of the New South that Clarence Carson, the American middle-distance champion, has lost battle with his painful sciatica right when he makes his pending debut at the River View Track in a four-month mile motor-paced race against George W. Moore.

As a backer for their opinion this point out that Wade is riding rather than walk at the present time. The American has been in the hospital since he was injured at last season. He is in perfect form and knows all the corners in the world that he will be able to regain the lead from the Irishman in the Carlinian last season.

Harvard Crews Leave Tonight for Cornell

Harvey's variety crew and the madman might get their first meeting up early this afternoon. The Chorus, too, tonight both views the trail that leads to Thine. This afternoon's workout will probably include a race between both crews over the regular. Their source is variety-wise and also that distance at a lively clip yesterday. But a time for the race was kept secret. There will be twenty-five members of the party, which pulls out of town right at 7 o'clock. After a delicious dinner, they will be headed for the

thought, Captain Harry Murray, by Cabot, Ken Perkins, Johnnie Kendall, Harry Harwood, Ted Smith, Dave Morgan and Ben KROPP, compare the variety crew. Johnnie and Tom Griffin, who, Mor-Wright, Barney Quimby, Artie E. Brunsell, Nathan, Hal Davis,

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The Accusations Against the Mayor Should Be Either STOPPED or PROVED

Mr. Curley Should Insist Upon It—The Honor and Dignity of the City Demand It

In a recent public statement former Mayor Fitzgerald accused Mayor Curley of having a secret partnership detrimental to the interests of the city and the dignity and honor of his office.

Mr. Fitzgerald did not offer to prove his charge and Mayor Curley did not challenge Mr. Fitzgerald to prove it.

Shortly thereafter Mayor Curley entered the arena of mud-slinging and publicly announced that an attempt had been made to bribe him in his official capacity. As this was a crime, the AMERICAN called upon the Mayor to lay his charges and evidence before the District Attorney and requested the District Attorney to demand this evidence, if the Mayor did not present it. Now comes Mr. Greene, a man of standing in this city, who publicly declares that an alleged partner of the Mayor, one Markis Angel, is interested in a city enterprise.

It is high time that these rumors and accusations be stopped or proved by a competent tribunal. Nothing is worse for the honor and dignity of the city than persistent rumors and charges that its chief magistrate has private interests inconsistent with his public duties.

For a number of years Boston has been trying to draw the attention of the country to its natural and historic attractions. The Commonwealth has given nine million dollars to the development of the port of Boston. Hundreds of our prominent citizens have given their valuable time to plans for the development of this city. This renaissance of communistic effort has already begun to produce results. So it is a grievous thing to publish defamatory statements concerning the chief magistrate of the city to the world.

The citizens of Boston should cease to circulate these reports about their Mayor unless they are prepared to prove them. The District Attorney ought to require of every man who makes a statement of this character that he prove it. **THE MAYOR HIMSELF OUGHT TO INSIST UPON PROOF.**

The Finance Commission and the District Attorney's office ought to make a thorough investigation so that the air may be cleared of these noxious stories.

If, in truth, there is fire beneath all this smoke, then there are ample processes of law by which the fire can be put out by the removal of Mr. Curley from office. But while he is Mayor, we ought to be tender of the name of Boston and not repeat hearsay about him.

The Republicans Have Killed the Telephone Inquiry

The Republicans of the Senate have killed the Governor's recommendation for an inquiry into the telephone situation. We have not had much an investigation for years and we need one very badly. It is not necessary to say that the telephone company is overcharging for its service, or rendering unnecessarily poor service, but it is a public service company and there are thousands of citizens who believe that the service could be improved and the charges could be reduced.

We do know that in New York, within a few months, after an investigation, charges were so much reduced that the users of telephones in that city now pay three million dollars a year less than they paid before the investigation.

This reactionary Republican Legislature seems determined to do everything it can to stand pat. It is doing its work well. We congratulate it upon the efficiency of its machine. Whether the people at the next election will endorse this kind of cleverness remains to be seen. We hazard a guess that a few defeats like this for Governor Walsh will be all he needs to insure his re-election.

RAIN IN SPRING

By JANE McLEAN

NOT like any other rain
Comes the rain in Spring,
How the lilacs bushes ring
Purple snow on everything,
And the plum trees blossoming
Down the garden lane
Frolics stand remembering
All their careful rain.

How the rain drops mocking play
In the city street,
Sizzling drops of silver spray
All about the misty gray,
But the hurrying footstep stay
As rain-drops catch and sweet,
With a lilac-blossom bouquet,
Spring sweeps down the street.

Inklings and Thinkings

By WEX JONES

Life's mystic: Mordant.
Things we should have to be: A potentia mawmaw.
Congressman Gardner most delicate Secretary Daniels for the Dan-dan-dan.

In reply to a question from some curious Northerner, the New Orleans States says that "potteries in the concentrated extract of bottled mustard greens and hampers, which, when eaten, are said to be 'dumplings' in 'Mississippi' grub," as they say in Mississippi. We've understood the matter thoroughly if we knew what mustard greens and hampers were.

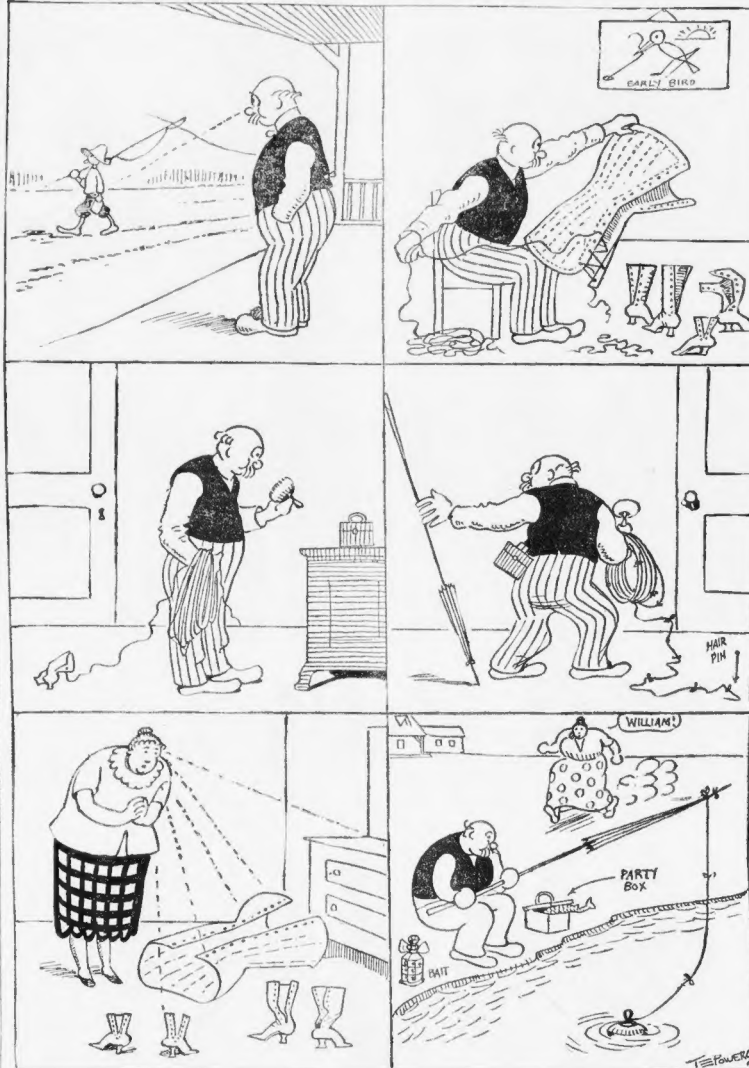
How could "Pinafore" be produced if Secretary Daniels abolishes the "billion" (trousers)? And what would a burlesque be if the dancer "Pinafore" was not here—every step of the way?

OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO MAINTAIN PEACE; OUR NEXT DUTY IS TO PREPARE FOR WAR

Catching Fish and Catching It Hot

By T. E. POWERS

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How Jealous Wife Robbed Husband's Mother

Dorothy Dix Draws Lesson from Case of Heartless Young Woman Who Separated Son and Aged Parent

By DOROTHY DIX

THERE are crimes committed by perfectly respectable, average, complacent people that make you feel that you would rather take your place with thieves and murderers on the Judgment Day than with them. For instance, listen to this little episode from real life, which I assure you is absolutely true, every word of it.

About thirty years ago a man died leaving a very young wife and a little boy less than four months old. He had paid for the little home in the small town in which they lived, but that was all that he left to his widow and his son.

People wondered how they would get along. They said that she could not sell the house for three or four thousand dollars, and that would keep them for a while, but after that was gone heaven knew how they would live. But the little widow did not sell her home.

She was a simple domestic woman who had never been trained to any trade and had little education, but she had the inspiration that comes from a great love and an absorbing purpose, so she rolled up her sleeves and went to work.

She took in sewing, she sewed, that pays a beggarly wage in rural communities. She baked cakes and sold them, she went out

factory, in which he made good, and after a bit he was given an opportunity to buy some stock in it. To enable him to do this the mother sold the little house that she had purchased with her very heart's blood and gave him the money to invest in it. It was her all, the pleasure that stood between her and the poorhouse, but she gave him her money as freely as she had given him her life.

Everything prospered. The investment proved a good one. The son was kind and attentive to his mother, and it seemed that she was going to be rewarded for all of her sacrifices. Then the inevitable woman came into the son's life.

Oh, no. She wasn't a bad woman with a bad and hard past. The son didn't fall into the toils of any siren. He became engaged to a

perfectly respectable woman, in a perfectly respectable way, and they were married and had a beautiful church wedding. For the bride was a religious young person much given to social service work and convinced that she had a mission to uplift the world.

But she was jealous of the poor old mother. She resented her husband's affection for his mother and his consideration for her. She felt that every penny that he gave his mother was a robbery her just due. She made life a hell on earth for the unfortunate old woman, and at last forced her to leave her son's roof.

The old woman lives in a board-ing house now, a forlorn old creature, with nothing to do and nowhere to go, because her life had been bound up in her son so long that she has no separate existence. Her son even visits her by stealth, so afraid is he of his wife, and she speaks of the "burden" that their mother-in-law is to them. They could keep a car if they liked, but they don't want to support his mother.

She has even taught her little children to look with contempt upon their grandmother. And she justifies her conduct by saying that the old must give way to the young. It is the law of nature, she says, and the old mother accepts it without question, because

The Proper Study of Mankind Is Woman

For That Reason We Study Harper's Bazar More Earnestly Than We Do the Holy Koran. You Also Should Do That

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Three sincere cheers for short dresses and thick waists. They have come to stay.

At least we think so. You never can be quite sure what women's fashions will do. Ever since we saw the lady at Monte Carlo wearing a monkey made of diamonds, rubies and emeralds, the head with a large diamond on her breast, and the monkey's tail running around her waist down to the small of her back, we have stopped guessing about women's ornaments.

Woman is still busy with her psychological development. She is destined, probably, to go far beyond man in every conceivable way, and she is taking her time about it.

Man settled down very speedily into a plain looking thing, with dark trousers, and nothing more than a green bow in the back of his hat to make him extra beautiful.

That will not satisfy woman. She is going to try everything, from hoop skirts to no skirts, until she finds exactly the rig that corresponds with her inmost spiritual self.

All that man can do is watch and pray, and study HARPER'S BAZAR to see what is coming next—this we do religiously.

In that strange publication, which is to the fashionable woman what the Koran is to the Mohammedan, you see much that is encouraging.

You find that at least one hundred and fifty thousand women are making their living inventing new kinds of corsets every minute, or digging up the old things to make them look new.

You find that women are gradually drifting toward clothing in which they can walk comfortably, and you observe with joy that a few yards of cloth will dress a lady, whereas formerly it took dozens of yards.

Billions of microbes that used to ride now have to walk home, because there are no ladies' trains upon which they can travel.

The highest authority, Harper's Bazar, shows short dresses and thick waists, in marvellous variety.

Thousands of billions of germs stay on the street instead of being dragged into houses where children are, now that women have given up their long dresses. The germs left outside freeze in Winter, the sun kills them in Summer.

And other billions of germs fall to find a comfortable home in the lungs of women—now that women give themselves room to breathe. Fresh air and plenty of blood kill germs in the lungs.

It is interesting and encouraging to look through the hundred pages of Harper's Bazar and study the fashions and the women.

True, they are a little wild and queer in some ways. For instance, here are two fashionably dressed young ladies cut out of this month's Harper's Bazar:



From Harper's Bazar.

From Harper's Bazar.

We should not care to look like either them. But at least they HAVE short dresses, and they CAN breathe.

Women are progressing slowly, but they ARE progressing, even if they do try to look sometimes like a butterfly, sometimes like a balloon, sometimes like a slave in a harem, and sometimes like nothing in particular.

Studying their acknowledged trade-paper and guide, HARPER'S BAZAR, we notice that the drift toward common sense is pronounced. The dress is shorter, the corset is looser, the hair is going, material is used very economically, fresh air gets to the pores.

And if woman doesn't get pneumonia and die off, she will live to be a very satisfactory creature.

You ought to read HARPER'S BAZAR every month, whether you be a young lady chasing fashion butterflies or a solemn philosopher who wonders what women will do next.

she is mother to the last, and willing to efface herself if it will make things easier for her boy.

This is the story of a woman who has deliberately separated a mother from her son, robbed years of sacrifice of their just reward and broken an old woman's heart. The old woman told me this story very simply, her sunken mouth working pitifully, and as

I looked at her work-knotted hands and bent, old shoulders and thought of all that she had endured, I remembered O. Henry's story, and I thought that at the Judgment Day I would rather cast in my lot with the outcasts than with those daughters-in-law who have turned their husbands' old mothers out of doors or come between a mother and her son.

ANOTHER article by Mr. Elbert Hubbard, who perished when the Lusitania was destroyed by a German submarine, will be printed on this page next Friday.